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Re: New site falls under NAGPRA guidelines

Cc: USEC, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, National Park Service, Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Federal Preservation Officer of the Department of Energy, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Heritage Ohio, Ohio Preservation Alliance, Archaeological Conservancy, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Native American Alliance of Ohio, Ohio Historical Society, CERHAS, Thomas King, Jarrod Burks, Robert Horn, Kathy and Richard Southworth, Charles Beegle and others.

Date: March 16, 2006

On March 10th of 2006, I was informed that Hopewellian earthworks had been rediscovered, and are being threatened by the United States Enrichment Corporation's (USEC) current and future plans. This Native American site, which is currently being called the "Alembic," was originally a part of a group of earthworks referred to as "Ancient Works, Seal Township, Pike County, Ohio" in Squire & Davis' book Ancient Monuments of the Mississippi Valley. This mound group is registered with the National Register of Historic Places as the "Scioto Township Works I." The "Alembic" is located next to the exit ramp from State Route 23, coming from the south. USEC's plans to construct a new uranium enrichment facility (American Centrifuge Plant) with this exit being the primary ramp for approximately 8,300 tractor trailer trucks loaded with highly toxic & radioactive substances.

At link <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/summ-section-106.html#t1> "Summary of Section 106 Consultation Correspondence and Surveys for USEC Inc., Proposed American Centrifuge Plant (ACP), Piketon, Ohio" it shows that USEC corresponded with several Indian tribes. At least seven replied that they "did not know of any sites," but asked "if any human skeletal remains and/or any objects falling under

NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) and are uncovered during construction, the construction should stop immediately, and the appropriate persons, including state and tribal NAGPRA representatives contacted."

According to NAGPRA with an...
(http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/TRAINING/Discovery_Fed%20_Lands.pdf)

Inadvertent Discoveries on Federal Lands

After November 16, 1990

An inadvertent discovery is one for which no plan of action was developed prior to the discovery.

Notification

The person who makes the discovery must immediately notify the responsible Federal official by telephone and provide written confirmation to the responsible Federal official.

Stop Work

If the inadvertent discovery occurred in connection with an on-going activity, the person must cease the activity in the area of the inadvertent discovery and make a reasonable effort to protect the human remains and other cultural items.

Initiating Consultation

The "Alembic," as well as the "Scioto Township Works I" are "sacred objects" and items of "cultural patrimony" according to the definition under Section 2 of NAGPRA. Therefore, with these new findings I am requesting that USEC halt their current projects until they share these new findings with the seven tribes (Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, Seneca Nation of Indians, Shawnee Tribe, and Wyandotte Nation), and until research can be conducted on the impact of this project upon the "Alembic" and the "Scioto Township Works I."

I appreciate the opportunity to be heard.

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